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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana swimming team's scheduled trip to Spokane this Saturday for a double-dual with Gonzaga and the University of Idaho has been cancelled, according to coach Fred Stetson, because of injuries to the Gonzaga swimmers.

The meet was to be Montana's last before the Big Sky Swimming Championships which begin in Ogden, Utah, Thursday, March 2. Montana will be a strong favorite in that meet having whipped three Big Sky opponents in dual contests this season. They beat an improved Idaho team 66-47 the last weekend of January, and then routed highly regarded Idaho State, 81-32, last Friday afternoon and polished off Weber State 76-37 Saturday at the Grizzly Pool.

The Montana swimmers have shown marked improvement in the past two weeks and the dual meets with Weber and Idaho State resulted in season bests in nearly every event.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Steve Turkiewicz, John Collier, Dave Garard, and the diving duo of Steve Kerr and Bob Heinrich.

Collier broke his own record, set earlier in the season, in the 200 yard individual medley against Weber State with a 2:07.7 clocking. That bettered his old mark by six-tenths of a second. Collier was also victorious both days in the 200 yard butterfly, his nearest competition coming from teammate Larry McCarthy who was a full ten seconds behind.

Turkiewicz swirled through the 50 yard freestyle in a neat 23 seconds flat to win that event against Weber and along with Garard, who has done 22.4, gives Montana a strong one-two punch in the event.

Garard won the four events he competed in over the weekend, posting his 22.4 in the 50 Friday against Idaho State, winning the 100 freestyle both days by wide margins and the 200 freestyle against Weber.

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Kerr and Heinrich battled each other for first against Idaho State Friday with Kerr the winner at one meter and Heinrich the victor in the three meter competition. Saturday, Ron Smith of Weber won the one meter diving but the Grizzly duo came back strong in the three meter, Kerr nipping Heinrich for first.

Jim Marshall turned in a strong performance in the 200 yard backstroke against Weber, churning the distance in 2:11.1, and is closing in on the varsity record of 2:08.4 for the event.

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